participation in International Trade Fairs and Exhibitions. The Board also takes up Indian exports of tobacco products at bilateral fora and is presently pursuing the floating of tenders for Indian tobacco by some countries in Africa.

Malaysian Investment in India

3102. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Malaysian companies are keen to make investment in India;

(b) if so, the areas in which those Malaysian Companies propose to make investment;

(c) whether any trade pact has been signed with those companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Malaysian companies have shown interest in investing in India in a wide range of areas such as infrastruction, computer, software, tele-communications, chemicals, industrial machinery, oil plantations, food processing industry. Since the announcement of the New Industrial Policy, 17 proposals envisaging foreign direct investment of Rs. 210,21 crores from Malaysian companies have been approved till the end of January 1995 While no trade pact has been signed, some Memoranda of Understanding have been entered into by some companies.

Financing of Tea Industry by NABARD

3103. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2029 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th March, 199? and state:

(a) whether the NABARO is going to finance the Tea Industry for its overall growth; and

(b) it so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) NABARD has been extending assistance to tea industry through re-finance support to the commercial banks for long term financial requirements of the industry in its developmental activities.

India's stand on 'Social Clause' Endorsed by U.K.

3104. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.K. has recently endorsed India's stand on 'social clause' in connection with World Trade; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) In a speach to the Thornton Latin American Conference on 1st February 1995 the Secretary of State for Employment of the U. K. stated *inter alia* that the U.K. will continue to resist calls to impose social clauses on developing nations and nations in transition and that the quickest and most effective way to raise social standards in these countries is to give the people of these countries access to markets in richer countries.

Review of Uruguay round package urged by World-wide fund for Nature

3105. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Worldwide Fund for Nature has called for review of the Uruguay Round agricultural pack